

GREEN COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

USDA Service Center
1627 4th Avenue West
Monroe, Wisconsin

Thursday, October 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Those present were Oscar Olson, Jeff Williams, Erica Roth, Kristi Leonard, Ken Hodgson, Dudley Timm, Tonya Gratz, Tyler Newcomer, Chris Newberry, Jason Thomas, Teresa Zimmer, Adam Wiegel, Todd Jenson, and members of the public.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved on a motion by Leonard, second by Roth. Motion carried.

The committee audited the monthly bills in the amount of \$26,002.81. A motion was made by Leonard, second by Hodgson to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Wiegel gave an update on how the Zoning and Land Use Committee is dealing with the recommendations from the Livestock Facility Study group.

Zimmer gave an update to the committee. MPP for August is 57 cents. Their office has done over 1000 payments for ARC/PLC. Fall crop certification has a November 15 deadline. There may be an extension due to the wet weather. Laura Vosberg announced she will be retiring in December.

Thomas gave an update to the committee. There currently is no farm bill. They are working under a continuing resolution until December 7. The deadline for 2019 funding is November 16. They also currently have a storm relief and honey bee signup.

Gratz gave an update to the committee. She is working on nutrient management contracts. There is still \$2500 to be spent this year for the Farmers of the Sugar River. There will be a cover crop field day October 11. Youth conservation day is tomorrow at Honey Creek Park. Students from Monticello, New Glarus, and Monroe Parkside will be attending. She has sent out 23 letters for manure pit inspections.

Newberry gave an update to the committee. He has sent out 48 well letters. Six of those have applied for cost-sharing. He is working on designs and permits.

Newcomer gave an update to the committee. He has been checking on cover crops. He shared pictures of aerially applied cover crops.

Jenson went through his updated engineering job approval with the committee.

The committee members each brought in the underwear they had buried in various field conditions and compared them for biological wear.

Five quotes for a new department website were presented to the committee. A motion was made by Roth, second by Timm to approve the quote from FusionFly, LLC. Motion carried.

Jenson handed out the responses to the recommendations from the Livestock Facility Study group in four different categories. The committee will review the documents before next month's meeting and then go through them together.

Jenson discussed the multi discharge variance agreement with Grande. A motion was made by Leonard, second by Williams, not to participate in the program. Motion carried.

In committee concerns, an update on Pinnacle was given. Williams asked if the county could limit the number of cows on a farm.

In public comments, the question was asked of what Green County can do to not have more CAFOs and what the well log reports at Pinnacle are.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2018, beginning at 9:30 AM at the USDA Service Center.

A motion was made by Williams, second by Roth to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.